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Group Art Unit: 2877  
Examiner: Tu T. Nguyen  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR EXAMINING  
FOREIGN MATTERS IN THROUGH HOLES  
Attorney Docket: 9319S-000196

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RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Election Requirement mailed November 12, 2003, Applicants provisionally elect Species I. Claims 1, 3-5 and 8 are believed to read on the elected species.

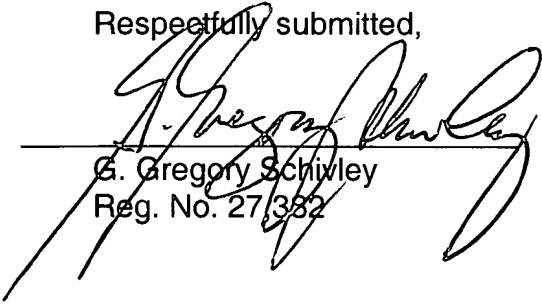
The Examiner is requested to reconsider his Species Election Requirement because all of the species are drawn to subject matter which are so related to each other that an undue burden would not be placed upon the Examiner by maintaining both species in a single application.

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: December 1, 2003

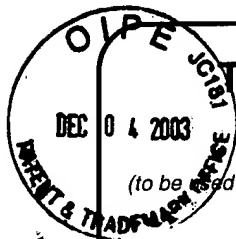
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